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WE MET DECEMBER 13 WITH INTERPRESS OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS
REF AND OTHER PENDING QUESTIONS CONCERNING PRESS
ARRANGEMENTS. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES OUR DISCUSSION:

1. CREDENTIALS. THE POLES AGREE TO RECOGNIZE WHITE HOUSE
CREDENTIALS; THEY ASK FOR SAMPLES TO SHOW TO POLICE AND
OTHER SECURITY FORCES. DESPITE THIS AGREEMENT, INTERPRESS
WILL ALSO ISSUED ITS OWN CREDENTIALS TO THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS
AS WELL AS TO ALL OTHER PRESS COVERING THE VISIT. THE
CREDENTIALS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE GROUP WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

AT THE VICTORIA ALONG WITH ROOM KEYS. WE THINK THIS IDEA IS
SENSIBLE SINCE WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT EVERY POLISH POLICEMAN
WHO MIGHT BE IN A POSITION TO BAR THE WAY OF A WHITE HOUSE
NEWSMAN WOULD RECOGNIZE THE WHITE HOUSE CREDENTIALS.

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2. POOL PASSES. AGAIN, THE POLES WILL RECOGNIZE THE
WHITE HOUSE-ISSUED PASSES, BUT WILL SUPPLEMENT THEM WITH
THEIR OWN PASSES. THE POLISH PASSES WILL BE GIVEN TO
THE WHITE HOUSE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN POOL
MEMBERS; THERE WILL BE NO NAMES ON THE PASSES.

3. ACCOMMODATIONS. THE VICTORIA HOTEL HAS SET ASIDE 238 ROOMS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE STAFF AND WHITE HOUSE PRESS. IN ADDITION, 51 ROOMS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY RESERVED FOR THE US BROADCAST REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE REQUESTED RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY FROM INTERPRESS AND THE VICTORIA. RATHER THAN BUMP SOME OF THE BROADCAST REPRESENTATIVES BOOKED IN THE VICTORIA, WE SUGGEST THAT THE CREWS FOR THE PRESS

PLANES BE HOUSED INSTEAD AT THE FORUM. THIS WOULD ENABLE MORE JOURNALISTS TO STAY WITH THE WHITE HOUSE GROUP AT THE VICTORIA RATHER THAN AT THE EUROPEJSKI, WHERE THE PRESS THE VICTORIA CANNOT HANDLE WILL BE HOUSED. THE ONE APPARENT PROBLEM CAUSED BY HOUSING THE PRESS PLANES CREWS SEPARATELY IS BAGGAGE HANDLING. WE ALREADY HAVE BAGGAGE STICKERS FOR THE VICTORIA AND WE CAN OBTAIN FROM THE FORUM ALSO. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER THE WHITE HOUSE AGREES TO HAVE THE CREWS PUT UP AT THE FORUM AND WHETHER THIS ARRANGEMENT FOR BAGGAGE HANDLING IS ACCEPTABLE.

4. COST PER JOURNALIST. INTERPRESS PROPOSES TO CHARGE \$20 PER JOURNALIST TO COVER VARIOUS GENERAL SERVICES. FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED WE THINK THE FIGURE IS REASONABLE. ADVISE WHETHER THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.

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5. PRESS CENTER COMMUNICATIONS. INTERPRESS WILL

ARRANGE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 25 TELEPHONES, SIX ON-LINE TELEXES AND FOUR PERFORATOR MACHINES AT THE PRESS CENTER. THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE SEPARATE FROM THE REQUESTS BEING MADE DIRECTLY BY US TELEVISION AND RADIO AND OTHER PRESS ORGANIZATIONS.

6. OTHER SITE COMMUNICATIONS. INTERPRESS TOOK NOTE OF THE WHITE HOUSE REQUEST FOR SIX TO EIGHT TELEPHONES AT MAJOR SITES, WHICH WE PRESUME TO BE THE AIRPORT, THE SEJM, AND THE PALACE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. INTERPRESS WILL TRY TO ARRANGE, BUT BELIEVES THIS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE AT THE PALACE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. DOES THE WHITE HOUSE ANTICIPATE THE NEED FOR TELEPHONES AT OTHER SITES? WE MADE IT CLEAR TO INTERPRESS THAT THESE PHONES ARE IN ADDITION TO THOSE BEING REQUESTED BY INDIVIDUAL US PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

7. PRESS POOLS. INTERPRESS ASSUMES THAT POOLS WILL BE NEEDED AT THE FOLLOWING SITES: TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN

SOLDIER, WARSAW GHETTO MEMORIAL, NIKE MEMORIAL,
THE SEJM, AND THE PALACE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.
IS THERE ANYTHING WE SHOULD DO REGARDING POOL ARRANGEMENTS
BEFORE THE ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVES?

8. PRESS CONFERENCE. INTERPRESS ASSUMES THAT THE
PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE OPEN TO ALL JOURNALISTS
ACCREDITED FOR THE VISIT BY EITHER SIDE. FOR POLISH
JOURNALISTS, ACCREDITATION WILL OF COURSE BE DETERMINED
BY THE POLES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS TOPIC
WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. INTERPRESS ALSO ASSUMES THAT
TV CREWS WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE PER ORGANIZATION.

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9. POLISH BRIEFINGS. ON THE 30TH, INTERPRESS IS
SCHEDULING BRIEFINGS ON POLISH FOREIGN POLICY, THE
POLISH ECONOMY, AND CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS. FOR NOW,
THESE ARE PROPOSED FOR THE INTERPRESS CLUB IN THE
TEATR WIELKI, BUT INTERPRESS MAY WISH TO SWITCH THEM

TO THE VICTORIA INSTEAD.

10. OTHER PRESS FACILITIES. DURING THE VISIT,
INTERPRESS WILL ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE FIVE TELEXES AND
TEN TELEPHONES AT THE EUROPEJSKI HOTEL AND TEN
TELEXES AND 20 TELEPHONES AT THE INTERPRESS CLUB.

11. WE CONTINUE TO DISCUSS
LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VARIOUS SITES,
TRANSLATION, AND OTHER LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
THE PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT WHICH WE WILL ADVISE YOU
BY SEPTTEL.

12. DO YOU HAVE INSTRUCTIONS OR QUESTIONS
CONCERNING OTHER SUBJECTS TO WHICH WE SHOULD RESPOND
BEFORE THE ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVES.
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